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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed 02 October 2003 and the subsequent Advisory Action mailed 27 February 2004, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from 02 January 2004 to 02 March 2004. Because a one-month extension of time (and the fee of \$55) was filed on 28 January 2004, the extension fee for this two-month request is \$155 (the two-month fee of \$210 minus the previously paid one-month fee of \$55).

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